10. (Amended) Process according to claim 2, wherein the step of storing of the

information data which are associated with the color sample or color samples and identify,

characterize or complement the color sample or samples is carried out by arbitrarily

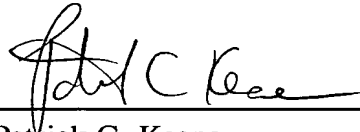selecting from a predefined group of data object types.

REMARKS

These amendments were made to remove multiple-dependency in claims 5 and 10.

Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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Marked-up Claims 5 and 10

5. (Amended) Process according to claim 3 [or 4], wherein an explanatory description is associated with the data object of the uppermost level of the hierarchy and/or the data objects respectively subordinate to a data object, which explanatory description defines the respective data objects and is stored in the color information file in defined relation to the respective data objects.

10. (Amended) Process according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the step of storing of the information data which are associated with the color sample or color samples and identify, characterize or complement the color sample or samples is carried out by arbitrarily selecting from a predefined group of data object types.